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## FARM CREDIT CLUB APPROPRIATES PRIZE MONEY FOR BEST SUGGESTIONS

The Farm Credit Club, in a special meeting of the board on September 25, appropriated a fund to pay \$5 for the best suggestion for improvement of FCA or Department operations made by employees each month. The best suggestion is to be selected by a committee: L. B. Collins, Chairman; Gray W. Hume, and W. S. Harris, members. The monthly prize of \$5 for the best suggestion will be awarded on the condition that there be a suggestion received during the month that merits the award.

Splendid suggestions have already been received and are now in effect. These suggestions clearly indicate that employees and supervisors have fine ideas and that they can invent improved systems of doing things better.

If you have a storehouse of valuable ideas, unlock the door and let the Suggestions Committee have them. Your suggestion will be given prompt and adequate consideration and if there is merit in your plan, it will be put into effect at once. If your idea cannot be put into effect, the reason will be explained to you.

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Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA.

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## DO YOU WANT TO QUIT?

Did you ever run a long race and get so tired you wanted to quit? When the long hill got steeper did you turn back before you reached the top? The Italians did--the British didn't.

We have been taking one campaign after another lately. Bonds and more bonds, and now the War Chest Drive, and very soon more bonds to buy. How long can we keep up the pace? That depends on each of us and our will to win. Do you want to quit? To us here in FCA who do not make guns or sail ships the price of bonds is largely the price of victory. Have you already surrendered to the enemy?

The War Chest contribution that we make year after year is the price we pay in war or peace to live in a decent, humane society. Is it the way of the strong to abandon the weak and the handicapped?

It will be a new and different Farm Credit that fails to reach its goal for war bonds or war chest.

Sailors in the days of sail used to say that a really good ship got steadier the harder the wind blew, that she would leave off groaning and get quiet as she settled down to the storm and the test she was made for.

## MODERN ART

Greek art found the center of its aesthetic preoccupation in the human body, primitive Christian art in the human spirit, romantic Nineteenth Century art in the magic of nature. Modern art has discovered a completely new element for its exploitation, namely, the purely mathematical and chemical structure of matter itself.

(The Meaning of Culture,  
By John Cowper Powys)

## News From Field And Camp



### LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lt. (jg) J. E. McJenkin, Jr., (USNR, Aerial Gunnery Instructors School, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.) I am ashamed to say that I have written my old friends in the FCA only once and the only excuse I can plead is that I have really been working like a Trojan. The schedule in Jacksonville was quite stiff, particularly as the subjects I was studying were very foreign to me. I managed, however, and am now the proud possessor of a diploma signifying that I successfully completed the required course purported to produce an aerial gunner. I was then sent here for a 2-week indoctrination (which was completed last Saturday) and am now in Aerial Gunnery Instructors School. The Navy seems determined to make an aeroplane gunner out of me. This course will last only 3 weeks and I hope then to be ordered into active duty. I have

asked for an assignment with the Pacific Fleet...I've been receiving the Grapevine rather regularly and have thoroughly enjoyed keeping up with the doings of the old gang.

Lt. C. R. Mobley, (0496933, 21st Special Service Co., APO 4660, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.) You can't write much on one of these forms; but then there isn't too much you can write from North Africa. Of course, you can make a lot of philosophical observations about the Arabs hereabouts. When you consider the static state of their progress for interminable past centuries, you need to be philosophical. One thing about which I've been unable to satisfy a mild curiosity is the going rate of camels, of which we see a great many. I've no idea of shipping home a supply of camels, or even of seeking a PCA loan for the purpose of starting a camel ranch here. By the way, 2nd Lt. Paul James who was assigned to me just before we left the States has just come in and asked to be remembered to you.

Pvt. Nancy E. Beatty, (USMCWR, US Naval Hospital, SOQ-3, New River, North Carolina.) This place is absolutely huge. It covers about 65 sq. miles. Cherry Point is a Marine Air Base about 20 minutes away by air. So there are usually fighters or bomber planes overhead. The cinema tonight is "Heaven Can Wait," so I'm going. A corpsman takes me up in a wheelchair. Many of the patients on the second deck are taken in their beds. It's a motley crew in all. It looks as though I'm going to be 4-F. I slipped on the deck and hurt my back. In the hospital 3 weeks tomorrow. Do write and tell everyone hello for me.

Pvt. Charles O. Nelson, (Co. M., 63 Inf., APO 6, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.) I'm finally getting around to writing you and thanking

you for sending the Grapevine to me. It really helps. I'm overseas now (can't tell where) and I got two more issues yesterday. They really looked good. The FCA is doing a great job back there from what I read, and that's swell. It's really all the people back home that keep us going over here. Since I can't write to all my friends back there, I'd like to say now, that I think about them a great part of the time, and am hoping someday I can work with them again. I'm sorry I can't say something about over here, but just can't -- you know why. Keep up the good work, and it will be over soon.

John C. Jeffers, QM 3/c (Bar. 0134, USNPDC, Pleasonton, California.) The QM 3/c means that I was rated as a third class petty officer in the Quartermaster. The Quartermaster in the Navy is entirely different from the Army. The USNPDC is for United States Navy Personnel Distribution Center. I don't know how long I will be here; however, I will appreciate receiving the Grapevine. Since I have been here I have had a little part time pay roll work. It helps to keep in touch with trades of peacetime.

T/5 John S. Theis, (Hdq. Co., APO 94, c/o Postmaster, Nashville, Tennessee.) I am now in the hills of sunny Tennessee. We are down here on maneuvers. The scenery is very beautiful here -- all hills and trees. It has rained here every day since we arrived. I want to thank you for sending me the Grapevine. I read it from cover to cover. Please continue to send it. Tell all the Mail Room employees hello for me and am waiting for the day when I can join all my friends in the FCA again.

# Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. We hear that Lt. Col. H. H. Hendricks is now serving in China...Cecelia DiCanzio is enjoying a reunion with hubby who is home on furlough...Marie Jeffers stopped in to greet friends...Congratulations to Clarice Andrews who recently made her SEVENTH blood donation to the Red Cross. ...Pat Ross week-ended with her mother at Omaha...Margaret Ellefson was delighted by a visit from her two brothers, S/Sgt. Lloyd, on furlough, and Theodore, who joins the Army on October 19...With the removal of partitions and change of desks, we would say the Accounting Section, Pay Roll Unit, and Typing Unit are really "one big happy family."

Chief Clerk's Office. Eleanor Ferguson recently spent a pleasant week end with friends at Ft. Leavenworth.

Economic & Credit Research. It is good to see Sue Clarke back at work after her illness...Welcome to Norma Landes, a new member of our group...Dorothy Heckman has returned from an enjoyable vacation with her family and friends at Dayton, Ohio.

Examination. We were happy to see Marine Dorothy Campbell when she stopped for a visit enroute from her home in Oklahoma to her new base in North Carolina...Bill Lee is missed since he left his desk for extended field work. ...Mary Nolz presented her cute little sister Bettie when she visited her for two days...Vacationist Belva Valliant has returned.

Finance & Accounts. Pauline Hanshaw is vacationing in Illinois...Welcome

"back home" to Dick Robertson who has returned to Tabulating Unit after being on detail for some time in the Mail Section...Helen McCabe is visiting her mother at her home town of Terre Haute, Indiana...Gray Hume is on a field trip to Baltimore and St. Louis...We hear that Carl Bark has reported for duty with the Navy at Farragut, Idaho, and now Luella Cogswell leaves to join the Waves, two popular members of F&A whose absence will be felt...Willa Maye Zimmerman has returned from a grand vacation trip to Washington, D. C... Alzada Harbert is in Hot Springs, Arkansas, enjoying a visit with her father and her Marine brother who received an unexpected furlough...Virginia Lee Davis is on detail in the Land Bank Division...J. B. Muller, Jr., will enjoy a 6 weeks' rest on his mother's farm at Peoria, Illinois...To the home front we contribute two newly graduated Nurses' Aides, Samethea Roddy and Olga Markham.

Graphic & Duplicating. Old Man Winter (at least it seemed like the old man to Ethel) sent Ethel Webb flying to Carthage, Missouri, to bring back her heavy clothing...After completing a 13-hour workday recently, Messrs. Kennedy, Pritchard, and Russell were treated to a midnight snack at the home of the Landon Porters. Coffee, toast, and home-made grape jelly were served and "entertainment" was furnished by Tom Pritchard who recited "Pistol Totin' Mama."...Composing Unit gathered at the home of Dorothy Carlstrom to enjoy hotdogs and baked beans on a recent eve. Sam Weinberg arrived with seven girls and his son in his five-passenger car (it can be done, Mr. Ripley).

Information & Extension. Frank McElhaney has accepted a position with Van-Sant, Dugdale, & Co. of Baltimore, Maryland, and will report for duty on October 19. "Mac" has been with the division for about 8 years and carries away with him the best wishes of a large

circle of friends and associates...Joan and John Muilman have as their guest Mary Muilman, John's sister, who has returned to Kansas City permanently...Violet Hardin has been entertaining two cousins from Washington, D. C...Frances Price has returned from a trip to Tennessee where she visited an aunt who was ill...The Red Cross Motor Corps will someday have two new drivers, Dorothy Owens and Violet Hardin, who are receiving the preparatory training course.

Intermediate Credit. Martin Uelmann has accepted an assignment with RFC and will depart for Washington on October 6. RFC's gain is our loss and, with our good wishes for Mr. Uelmann's success on the new job, we include the hope that he will return to his place in FCA's family.

Land Bank. Frances Kruse reports that the few hours she was able to spend with hubby were well worth the trip to Texas. ...We hear that Edna Woods likes her new job in Washington and is happy that she still remains a member of FCA's family. ...Arlene Donason has returned from a visit to her home in Nebraska where she enjoyed a reunion with her sister Lorraine...Mary Markel breezed in for a few minutes, left greetings for all her friends, and snatched a Grapevine to read on the train going back to Kansas. ...Gunrie Lazarus has resigned and will return to her home in St. Paul...Via telegram we learn that Oakley Reynolds was successful in passing examinations and that bell-bottomed trousers will shortly be his.

Library. Phoebe Norton was hostess at a dinner party at the Teahouse by the Side of the Road on a recent Saturday eve. Librarian guests reported the food delicious and the party a success. ...We are glad to have Pat Warner from Graphic Section as a new member of our staff...Lucille Achauer enjoyed 2 days at Warrensburg, Missouri...Another

delightful dinner party was given by Louise Pressgrove at her home for members of our staff and a few other friends. Out-of-town guests included Mrs. T. Allen of New Orleans and Elizabeth Egy of the Waves...The tall, handsome soldier you saw visiting in the library was Dale Oliver, glider pilot and the betrothed of Bernice Nilson...FCA was represented at the annual breakfast given by the Public Library at the Newbern hotel on October 3 by five guests from our library.

Mail. We heartily welcome newcomers Joan Miller, Leila Delle Michael, Donna Mae McClurg, and Robert Appling. ...Carl Lowe has returned from a pleasant vacation at his home in Urbana, Missouri.

Personnel. Josephine Gerdes is vacationing at Omaha and Valparaiso, Nebraska...Vivian Gustafson has resigned and is at home in Page City, Kansas, with her father. Vivian was presented with a lovely remembrance by coworkers and was honoree at a dinner party given by several girls in the division...Bill Harris has returned from a field trip to St. Paul...Mary Cannon is enjoying a vacation at Washington, D. C., with her family...Lucky members of the Appointment Office enjoyed a box of rich, creamy chocolate fudge made by Lena Sanders aided by Phyllis Windrum (Phyllis donated the sugar).

Purchase. Thelma Province week-ended with friends at Bates City, Missouri. A restful and pleasant vacation was spent by Mary Harris at her home here in Kansas City and with friends at Buckner, Missouri...Florence Eifert is enjoying a week at her home in Enid, Oklahoma...Mrs. Marvin Van Cleave and daughter Carman had a look at our office...Another visitor in the office was Mary Feeley's heartthrob, Gene Terry of the Navy.

Solicitor's Office. L. J. Gardner enjoyed a vacation with relatives at Du-buque, Iowa...Ethel Townsend week-ended with her family at St. Joseph, Missouri. ...Claire Katz and hubby Al, on furlough from Ft. Leavenworth, are visiting relatives in Washington, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh...Official business took E. Anthony, J. E. Lee, and R. J. Mischler to Houston for several days...Mora Kehres and hubby are enjoying a visit with his family at Dolphus, Ohio...Lela Gilbert has left Kansas City to join Arnold in Denver...A pleasant vacation was spent by Persis Gray here in Kansas City...Gertrude and Bill Roeh journeyed to Chicago and Washington on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Stenographic. Lillian Wortman enjoyed a few days with her mother at Fosterburg, Illinois...Visitors from out of town have been keeping Ramona Trout busy and happy. Her mother from Lawson, Missouri, spent a few days with her; and her present guest is Sgt. Jack Zimmerman of Camp Hood, Texas, on furlough...Winifred Meits' sister, Jeannie Coffey of Washington, D. C., has arrived for a month's visit with Winifred...Marjorie Nelson was home for a few days nursing a sprained ankle...It was an unexpected surprise for Lorraine Lagergren when hubby, Gil, made a week-end trip over from Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis...Doris Schmeltz and Ruth Burris are recuperating nicely from appendectomies.

Telephone. The birthday of Catherine Donnelly on September 25 was a good-enough excuse for some 65 FCA members to trail into the telephone office for a taste of cake (editor's note: all we want to know is how large was this cake?) Catherine left the Monday after for a long-looked-forward-to vacation with her family in Washington, D. C...Irene Ellefson has returned from a short but enjoyable vacation at her home in Garretson, South Dakota.

Vise'. Winifred Horn has returned from a pleasant vacation spent with friends at Denver and Estes Park, Colorado.

#### GUARDS HONORARY MEMBERS OF CLUB

The following letter of appreciation for extension of honorary membership in the Farm Credit Club to members of the Guard Force has been received from the Superintendent:

The entire Guard Force has expressed the desire to accept the invitation of the Farm Credit Club, and join with me in expressing our appreciation for the opportunity extended us, by the membership committee, to become honorary members.

We pledge our support to all activities of the Farm Credit Club and if we can be of any service do not hesitate to let us know.

Cecil S. Burton, Superintendent  
James A. Mauer, Sergeant of the  
Guard

Fred H. Johnson Harry M. Kelley  
Herbert W. Tompson Charles Bowden  
Marion P. Cumming Wade W. Allgood  
John A. Gillespie Joseph E. Davis  
Albert C. Hickman Robt. J. Graham

#### VITAMINS POPULAR

According to the latest report on sales of vitamins, 250,000 have been sold - with orders still rolling in.

"Say, Doc, do you remember last year when you cured my rheumatism? You told me to avoid dampness."

"That's right. What's wrong?"  
"Well, can I take a bath now?"

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"Message to Garcia"

At Fort Meade, Maryland, an army pigeon named Clarence got his wings stuck with oil, walked ten miles, delivered his message. --Time.

## NEWS FROM EDITH SAXTON

The following are excerpts of a letter from Edith Saxton, who is now employed by the War Shipping Administration:

I seem to let time pass and do nothing about telling you not only how much I enjoy reading the Grapevine, but how much it is enjoyed by others. After I have read it, I pass it on to Mildred Quimby, who works with me and who digests it as hungrily as I do. After Mildred comes Barbara Amerman who is with OWI, and working in the same building with us. Barbara returns it to Mildred and she holds it for Bill Snyder who comes over here frequently. Bill keeps it for Janet to read--and from there on the continuity is lost; perhaps Jan gives it to someone else.

It's almost as good reading about you all as working with you. You see, I, too, miss Farm Credit. I suppose my coworkers and supervisor sometimes wish I would go back to FCA for I'm constantly telling them what a "swell" organization it is.

### LETTER FROM THE YWCA

The Farm Credit Club has received the following letter describing the fall program of 2 popular YWCA clubs:

Would it be possible for you to let it be known that this fall the Business and Professional Girls decided they wanted weekly meetings Tuesday evenings beginning October 5, at the YWCA, 1020 McGee. They will have a 6 o'clock supper, program, and the following classes -- Spanish, crafts, contract bridge, glee club, and public affairs. Girls who have been working several years and wish to meet new friends, try new activities, or visit with old friends will enjoy this club. Reservations for the supper can be made by telephoning the YWCA, Victor 7535 by Monday noon of any week.

The Young Adults, a brand new club, invites business girls who are between the ages of 16 and 21, and on their first jobs, to meet with them the following evening, Wednesday, October 13. Supper will be at 6:15 followed by a program, and a crafts workshop. Telephone Victor 7535 by Tuesday noon, October 12, for supper reservations.

Both of these clubs sponsor dances, co-ed trips, and discussions on war marriages, family relationships, public affairs, etc.

Girls have the opportunity to live democratically and creatively in these groups. They plan and carry on their own activities with the assistance of a trained staff and volunteers.

Very truly yours

Lois McColloch  
Department Secretary  
YWCA-Victor 7535

### LESSON III IN MODERN ART By Harry Shenker

The great ultra impressionists were Gaugin, Cezanne, Renoir, Monnet, Van Gogh, Picasso, and Matisse. These are the masters and innovators of the revolution in treatment of light, form, and conception of nature.

Artists of the old school were accustomed to paint fruits, flowers, and landscapes with only white, black, brown, and blue colors on the palette. Flowers or bright fruits when transferred to canvas unfortunately looked as though they had been painted in the basement. They were lightless and lifeless. Cezanne and Gaugin broke with the old traditions and added all colors to the palette and created thereby light and life.

But what, in addition to light and color, did the impressionists bring to

art? They brought a better understanding of nature. They could interpret nature with sympathy and effect. Consider that a representation of fog is the most difficult impression to reproduce on canvas. Monnet, the great impressionist has interpreted fog in some of the great masterpieces of impressionism and he did it with no black, brown, or white on his palette. His representation of fog is complete and effective in rose, violet, yellow, and blue.

#### ART APPRECIATION CLASS STARTS

The art appreciation group met and organized Monday, October 4. Harry Shenker, former student of the Paris Beaux Arts Academy, and many Latin Quarter schools of modern art, teacher of modern art at his own studio in Paris, and fellow student and friend of many celebrated modern artists, will serve as instructor. Persons who wish to join the group should communicate with Vera Jones, Chairman of the Art Appreciation Committee. The next meeting is on Monday, October 11. There is no fee for admission to the group. (Vera Jones)

#### CREATIVE WRITING GROUP FORMED

A group of budding Nobel Prize winners met Tuesday afternoon in the clubroom and formed a creative writing class which promises to become one of the more interesting activities of the Farm Credit Club. Keen interest was shown by class members in the more popular fields of writing: The short story, novel, feature story, and poetry. Don't be surprised if someone asks you for words that rhyme with "June" and "moon"; she is probably writing a poem to be discussed at the next meeting of the class which has been scheduled for Friday evening at the home of Marie Fuhr, group leader. Subsequent meetings will be held on Friday evenings at the homes of

the various class members and anyone with an itching writing finger is cordially invited to join the group. (Deane Ruth)

#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS ON WAY TO FCA FOLKS IN SERVICE

Over \$200 was contributed by FCA Central Office and Liaison Office employees for gifts to our men and women in uniform. The Liaison Office alone contributed \$39.

The gift package will contain cigarettes, gum, life-savers, hard candy, pocket-size fiction and nonfiction, and Palmolive soap, plus hand lotion for the women. A greeting from the club is also included. A sample box is on display in the Fourteenth Street lobby. Postage expense will absorb one-fourth of the money collected.

The Christmas Gift Committee wishes to thank all for their generous contribution. Especial thanks are due to G. W. Putnam, Hazel Putnam's husband, the Mailroom and Annex folks, and other volunteers. (C. G. Smith)

#### BRIDGE ENTHUSIASTS MEET

Contract bridge will be resumed in our new Farm Credit Clubroom beginning Tuesday night, October 12, at 7 p.m., and will continue each Tuesday night at the same hour until the last week in March 1944. An elementary group will be formed for inexperienced players who need to be assisted along the rocky road. Another group will be formed for experienced players who are interested in practice and a social game. Many pleasant evenings are anticipated. Come and bring your wives, husbands, or friends. Cards, tables, tallies, ashtrays furnished! (Kathleen Thomas)

#### A SENSIBLE STYLE.

Professor - Who invented high heels?

Student - A woman who was once kissed on the forehead.

## FREE MOTION PICTURES

Time: 12:15 and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays  
New location - Room 1345E

October 12 - WESTERN FRONT (CHINA) - China's heroic fight and desperate struggle against the war lords of Japan. A tribute to the courage and tenacity of the people of China, fighting with us in the battle for freedom. U. S. NEWS REVIEW - Bombs Rock Italy.

October 19 - U. S. MARINES - Shows how our Soldiers of the Sea are trained. REPORT FROM RUSSIA - Her "secret weapon" is the strength of the Russian people - the men, women, and children who punctured forever the myth of German invincibility. WARTIME NUTRITION - Simple rules of eating to be followed by Americans at home, in factories, in restaurants, and cafeterias.  
(Maude A. Freeman)

### J. H. GUILL WITH THE SYSTEM SINCE 1917

(Continued from last issue)

Mr. Guill's appointment to serve on the Federal Farm Loan Board in Washington came pretty much out of a clear sky. In 1919, William Joyce, president of the Berkeley Land Bank became a member of the board. In 1922 he telegraphed Mr. Guill stating that he was thinking of resigning and asked if he was interested in receiving appointment as his successor. Mr. Guill replied that he would be glad to accept such an appointment. He soon received a wire requesting him to start for Washington on the following Saturday.

At that time the board consisted of four members. Judge Lobdell was chairman, another member was ex-governor Cooper of South Carolina. There was one vacancy. Mr. Guill made the following statement with reference to those early days: "Judge Lobdell was

an inveterate smoker of cigars and would seemingly smoke any kind no matter how strong. Once a cigar salesman came around claiming he was from Cuba and that he had a boy going to school in Georgetown University and, in coming up to visit the boy, had brought along 100 boxes of cigars to sell. He gave me a cigar as a sample. It was a wonderful smoke, and so I fell and paid \$10 for a box and then couldn't smoke the things. To get rid of the cigars, when board meetings were called I would put a few on the Judge's desk and the next day they would be gone. I don't know how the Judge survived them."

"A few days after we arrived in Washington Judge Lobdell took the family down to the White House to meet President Harding. The President was more interested in the four children than he was in the others. After interviewing them, he turned to me and said, 'Guill, I'm glad I appointed you!'"

In 1923 the board was increased to six members. Appointments were for 8 years and Mr. Guill served the remaining 6 years of Mr. Joyce's appointment. He was reappointed in 1928 for an 8-year term and served in that capacity until the work of the board was taken over by the FCA in 1933.

In the early twenties the Board had about 60 employees on the pay roll. The Board's offices were in the old Land Office Building on E Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets. Mr. Guill's office was on the second floor at the corner of Seventh and E. One day a stranger came in and introduced himself as the son of Adlai Stevenson, Postmaster General in President Cleveland's cabinet. He said that his father occupied that room as a cabinet member but that it didn't look as big to him then as it did when it was his father's office. It was also reported that this

same room was occupied by General Pershing during World War I. It was quite elaborate with a fireplace and a large mirror. About 1924 President Coolidge asked the Board to come down to the White House to see him. Hard times were causing farmers of the North Central States to complain and the President wanted to keep in touch with the facilities the Board was offering to them. "The President related to us that he had had an aunt who had married a farmer in Nebraska, I believe it was, and when their estate was settled it was worth over \$100,000. He was impressed that that result could not have occurred in Vermont."

By 1927 the Board needed more space than it could get in the Old Land Office Building and it moved into the Barr Building on Seventeenth Street across from Farragut Square. It stayed there about 3 years and then moved into the old Commerce Building, Eighteenth and H Streets. The offices of the Board remained there until 1933.

In the early days the Board had two distinct problems. One dealt with the land banks and the other had to do with the joint stock land banks. When legislation authorizing the Federal land banks was being considered in Congress some Congressmen insisted that authority for organizing the joint stock land banks be included. The argument was that the legislation wouldn't be doing anybody any good otherwise, because the Federal land banks would not amount to anything. A total of 88 charters were granted to joint stock land banks before the authority to organize these banks was repealed in 1933. All but 21 of these banks have completed liquidation, plus 3 more which are in receivership.

For a year or so before Mr. Guill went to Washington the Federal land banks were pretty well tied up insofar as

making new loans was concerned, because of litigation involving the constitutionality of the Federal Farm Loan Act, particularly with respect to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. In February 1921 the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Act and this opened the door for the Federal Government to organize corporations for the purpose of making cooperative credit available to farmers at low rates of interest.

The Board succeeded in obtaining a very efficient group of colored messengers. The head messenger was known as Paul and was an expert penman. He lettered nearly all the NFLA charters. Another messenger was known as Willie. Governor Cooper entrusted Willie with his car once when the Governor was out of the city for a few days. When he returned a detective from the city police court came over to see him. The detective had a colored boy with him who was pretty badly cut up and who identified Willie as the person with the knife. It seems that Willie and a couple of boy friends with their dates had gone for a ride in the Governor's car. Willie resented the remarks made by a boy on the sidewalk so he got out of the car and made a few passes with a knife by way of evening things up. Willie was very popular with the Board and employees and when the detective finished talking to the persons in the office he seemed to be convinced that it could not have been Willie who made the attack.

The secretary of the Board went hunting down in Virginia and caught several 'possums. He gave two to Mr. Guill in a sack and they looked just like overgrown rats. Mr. Guill got Willie to skin them and under his supervision got them cooked. Everyone took a little taste - just enough to say they had eaten 'possum. That was all they could eat anyway.

Mr. Guill has a family of 6 children. The oldest daughter is employed in the Office of Education at Washington, D. C. The oldest son, Sam, is a Lt. Commander in the Coast Guard and is now stationed at St. Augustine, Florida. The next girl lives at Baltimore. John, Jr., is a resident food and drug inspector at Charleston, West Virginia. The youngest girl is attending K. U. at Lawrence where she is an honor student, and the youngest boy just left to join the Army Air Cadet Corps at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

While taking a physical, a prospect was asked by the doctor if he could read the fourth line on the eye chart.

"Read it," exclaimed the prospect  
"Why, I know the guy personally. He played football at Fordham last Fall."

E. C. JOHNSON SENDS GREETINGS  
FROM SOUTH AMERICA

...I had a fine and very interesting trip by plane down to Paraguay and there is much I would like to tell about the trip. However, I shall have to leave the details for my return. Our plane left Miami on the morning of Saturday, August 7, and I arrived in Asuncion the following Saturday morning after a delay of 3 days in Corumba, Brazil. I had overnight stops at Panama City; Cali, Columbia; Lima, Peru; Santa Cruz, Bolivia; and Corumba, Brazil. The weather was clear most of the way; so I got a very good view of the country from the plane. We followed the Western Coast of South America much of the way from the Canal Zone to Arica, Chile. North of Guayaquil, Ecuador, the country is very green; much of it jungle, although, there are many farms, particularly along the rivers. South of Guayaquil it becomes acid with practically no vegetation. It is rough and rugged like much of the acid country in south-

western United States. At Arica, Chile, we changed planes and turned east to fly over the Andes Mountains. The plane traveled at an elevation of around 17,000 feet much of the way over the mountains which were a grand sight - large snow-covered peaks, many over 20,000 feet above sea level. The airport at La Paz, Peru, where we landed for a short stop, is at an elevation of 12,000 feet. East of the mountains the country becomes green - most of it covered with a dense forest. The route between Santa Cruz and Corumba is referred to as the "jungle route." The plane made four stops at new airports in small jungle towns where many of the natives came out to look us over.

Asuncion is an old city. It was founded in 1537 and is the oldest permanent white settlement in South America. The streets for the most part are paved with cobble stones. It has no city sewage or water system and most of the buildings are very old. Here one sees both the ancient and the modern. On the streets there are trucks, autos, ox carts, and burros. Many of the natives walk barefooted, particularly those from out in the country. Many of the women carry large baskets of produce on their heads. This morning as I looked out the door of my room at the hotel, I saw an old woman walk by with a large wide basket filled with eggs balanced on her head. I thought to myself, "I hope she does not stumble." But they never do.

The agriculture of Paraguay is quite primitive. So far, I have not seen much of it since my trips into the country have been limited to short drives around Asuncion; the longest trip taking me to a point about 60 miles from the city. People in the country farm small tracts on a self-sufficing basis and live in small thatched-roof huts. The exception, of course, is the cattle ranching

which is on a large scale. Cattle raising is the most important industry in Paraguay.

The people of Paraguay are a stoic, serious-minded race of people, from a cross between the Spaniards and the Guarani Indians. The present generation has descended from the survivors of the great war with Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina in 1865 and 1870. In that war the population of Paraguay declined from 1,300,000 to about 200,000. In the recent war with Bolivia, losses were also great. These wars explain in part the poverty of this country. When I return I shall be pleased to tell you about the traditions and customs of these people based upon some very interesting observations.

No doubt you are still having hot weather in Kansas City. This is the winter season in Paraguay but being a sub-tropical country the climate is not cold. One night the temperature got down to 3° below 0 centigrade which apparently was about the coldest day this season. The days have been bright with ideal temperature.

I live at Hotel Colonial, an old hotel in Asuncion and take all my meals there. You may be envious when I tell you that for lunch and dinner we are served 3 meat courses usually including both chicken and a steak. However, right now I would be pleased to trade the steak for some milk and ice cream which I cannot obtain here of a quality fit to eat.

Hope everything is fine with FCA.

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"Where you goin', Sambo?"  
"I'se goin' to stop a fight."  
"Who's fightin'?"  
"Me and that fellow comin' there;  
good-bye."

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The FCA wants cooperation of all employees in the suggestion plan. Let's have those really constructive ideas that are lying unused in every employee's mind. Send your suggestions to L. B. Collins, room 1411.

#### WIN THE \$5 PRIZE

Get the suggestions on your mind off your chest.

#### IDEA MEN AND WOMEN OF FCA

The following employees have submitted at least one suggestion:

Ida J. Bernat	Gilbert Lagergren
R. H. Cawood	J. D. Lawrence
Catherine Champe	Winifred Metts
Julia F. Cornett	Ralph B. Miller
R. L. Crim	Wm. L. Moore
Irvin S. Dyke	L. E. Morales
W. C. Frazee	F. L. Newhouse
Marjorie G. Freel	Ella N. Nichols
Faye Hanley	J. P. Strong
W. S. Harris	Lula Tavenner
Gladys Hubata	Leola Teeple
Maurine Kavanagh	Kathleen Thomas
J. F. Kearney	H. E. Underhill
J. S. Kennedy	L. A. Waugh
Mary I. Kindred	Juanita B. Wells

#### CLUBROOM NOTES

Bring your lunch to the clubroom and enjoy a good magazine, such as:

LIFE  
TIME  
NEWSWEEK  
THE NEW YORKER  
MADEMOISELLE  
LOOK

Don't forget, the clubroom also has daily and Sunday issues of the Washington Post.

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If a man wants his dreams to come true, he must wake up.

The Library has the following new books available:

O as an Omen by Lawrence Treat  
Chicken Every Sunday by Rosemary Taylor  
Survival by Phyllis Bottome  
Tidewater by Clifford Dowdey  
But Gently Day by Robert Nathan  
The Grinning Pig by Nap Lombard  
The Lady and the Tigers by Olga S. Greenlaw  
O River, Remember! by Martha Ostenso  
C/o Postmaster by Cpl. Thomas R. St. George  
Retreat From Rostov by Paul Hughes  
Too Many Bones by Ruth Sawtell Wallis  
He Fell Down Dead by Virginia Perdue  
The Case of the Drowsy Mosquito by Erle Stanley Gardner

Recordings from the picture "This Is The Army" are available in the clubroom.

Mrs. Mary Deane Ruth has been supplying the clubroom with issues of the "Coronet," "Reader's Digest," and "Life" magazines. Thanks to R. L. Crim for his donation of magazines and playing cards.

#### AG'IN' HER, TOO!

A new deal speaker was talking to an audience in a country schoolhouse, and every time he praised Franklin D. Roosevelt, a farmer in the back seat would say in a loud voice, "I'm ag'in' him!" Finally, in desperation, the speaker turned upon the farmer and the following conversation ensued:

Speaker: "My friend; I think that Franklin D. Roosevelt is the greatest man this country has seen."

Farmer: "I'm ag'in' him!"

Speaker: "Don't you know that behind every man there is a supreme power

which controls and influences him?"  
Farmer: "I'm ag'in' her, too."

#### WHAT SERVICES DO YOU NEED?

125 persons reported their willingness to perform the following services for their fellow employees:

Electrical	Party sandwiches, cookies, etc.
Plumbing	Typing
Photography	Painting
Sewing	Radio repair
Care of children (evenings)	Art work
Legal	Nursing
Carpentry	Teaching
Auto Repair	Music
Drafting	Languages
	Other

Some have considerable experience in performing these services. If you need any of these services, call Miss Lehman, extension 30. (John S. Kennedy)

#### CARL LOWE RAISES FINE HOGS

Carl Lowe of the Mail Section had a very profitable and interesting vacation. Here is his report. "In the Fat Stock Show and Sale held at Springfield, Missouri, September 16 and 17 for the FFA boys, (Future Farmers of America) I entered 8 Duroc Jersey hogs, 7 months old; average weight 278 1/2 pounds. The placing of the show was divided into classes consisting of 10 placings in each, the classes were: Best fat hog; best pen of three, and best litter of the show. My placings were 4th and 10th on best fat hog, 5th on pen of three, and 3rd on the best litter of the whole show. There were more than 250 hogs entered and 53 of these were from my home town, Urbana, Missouri. My brother, Kenneth, and I have been showing the same breed of hogs for several years and have had good placings each year but now that we have

our State Farmers' Degree, we are ineligible for future shows.

"After the show these hogs were sold to the highest bidder. They brought \$333.21 and I received \$9 prize money. After all expenses were paid, my profit was \$157.21. My school was awarded a \$25 bond for getting the most points in the show and a plaque for getting the most points in the hog division."

Congratulations, Carl, for those top honors and for converting that prize check into war bonds. (Helen Colling)

#### CALLING ALL HIKERS!

Our first hike of the new season will feature a tour of Swope Park on Sunday, October 17, when the autumn foliage is expected to display its most brilliant coloring. Bring your lunch, including something to drink and something to roast over an open fire. Full details concerning time and place of meeting will be posted on all bulletin boards. (P. L. Rapp)

#### RETURNS FROM FCC QUESTIONNAIRE

The returns from the Farm Credit Club questionnaire have been tabulated. The interest in participating in Club activities is greater than ever before judging by the number of persons who have returned questionnaires. Club committees are making active plans to put their programs into effect.

Some of the "other" activities in which employees are interested are amusing. One employee wants a "poker club for women." Another is interested in organizing pool playing. Sponsorship by the club of sleigh riding was also suggested. Eight club members wrote in roller skating.

The following answers were received in response to the question, "What three specific activities sponsored by the

Farm Credit Club, such as the picnic, dance, golf, bowling, bridge, lending library, movies, cash discounts, and hobby show, did you derive the most benefit from during the past 12 months?"

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bridge	11	11	2
Cash discounts	25	15	25
Hobby show	10	27	39
Library	54	30	18
Movies	16	32	26
Dances	20	25	23
Picnic	31	38	36
Bowling	27	12	7
Golf	12	8	1

The following designations were made in response to the request to designate the first and second most important reasons "why you became a member of the club."

	1st	2nd	No Choice
Get acquainted and visit with FCA employees and officials .....	45	28	19
Attend social activities such as dances, picnics, and parties .....	22	47	12
Take advantage of educational activities such as lending library, movies, hobby shows, photo shows and phonograph record lending library .....	28	52	13
Get cash discounts on merchandise purchased....	12	29	6
Believe in the principle of an employee organization and wish to support it .....	119	32	21
Participate in sports....	8	19	5
An optimist is one who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it.	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -

A list of club committee and subcommittee chairmen is set out below - keep in touch with them for developments in your favorite activity.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Contact .....	Francis W. Smith
Social.....	Eleanor Bark
Center Cultural	
Series .....	Catherine Donnelly
Athletic.....	W. S. Hein
Golf .....	Kenneth Light
Bowling.....	A. N. Morrison
Table Tennis .....	Melvin Jacomet
Ice Skating	
Tennis	
Basketball .....	Vencil Ward
Horseshoe Pitching .....	Del Mehaffy
Hiking .....	Hoyt Elkins
Gymnasium .....	Eileen Hague
Bicycling	
Women's Sports .....	Mary Jane McGee
War Activities .....	Julia Connor
Blood Donors .....	L. B. Collins
Labor .....	W. A. Cleveland
Victory Gardens .....	I. S. Dyke
Educational.....	Katherine Delany
Art Appreciation .....	Vera Jones
Movies .....	Carl Cleek
Bridge .....	Kathleen Thomas
Creative Writing .....	Marie Puhr
Vacations .....	Zelina Aherne
Conversational Spanish .....	Alma Day
Women's Speakers Club .....	Marie Puhr
Men's Speakers Club .....	J. P. Markey
Bulletin Boards .....	Maxine Lehman
Membership and Publicity...	Gordon Finley

#### A SMILE'S THE THING

(Bertha H. House)

Have you ever been attracted  
By some mysterious wile  
To someone plain and homely  
Then found it was a smile  
That drew you to that person  
And made you like his style?  
Now smiles are not yet rationed  
Why not give one a trial?  
So smile among your fellows -  
Do it every little while  
And soon there'll be enuf of them  
To reach a country mile!

#### MAILROOM SAGA

The Pony Express was all right in it's day,  
But was sadly lacking in glamour--  
What with the Indians rushing around  
With all of the shooting and clamour--  
But "The mail must go through!" they shouted  
And spurred their horses to greater endeavor,  
And the way that they carried the Government mail  
Will go down in history forever.

The old fashioned postman then came on  
the scene  
With moustache and big black umbrella,  
He carried the mail 'round his route,  
rain or shine,  
A faithful and patient old fella.  
But times sure have changed, so take  
a good look  
At the Farm Credit "mailman" on duty;  
With flowers in hair and make-up to  
shame  
Even a Hollywood beauty.

"The mail must go through!" is still  
the same cry  
As it's carried around by these lasses--  
But I ask you, what "male" could ever  
get through  
Unless he was wearing dark glasses?  
(Doris E. Wooley)

#### SOME FIX

Smith: "My wife asked me to take our old cat off somewhere and lose it. So I put it in a basket and tramped out into the country for about 8 miles."

Jones: "Did you lose the cat?"

Smith: "Lose it! If I hadn't followed it, I'd never have got back home."

And then there was the mamma kangaroo who took her two little babies out of her pouch, banged their heads together, and shouted: "How many times do I have to tell u to stop eating crackers in bed?"

# Willy



Dere Ma:

Well, Ma, I guess maybe I told you this is a fassynatin plais, but it gets fassynatiner every day. Some very intellygunt peepul planned this plais. Whenever you want anything they is just one plais to get it. Nobuddy else has it because that is the wrong plais. This is what's nown as the "funkshunal brakedown." I don't no what they meen by funkshunal but the brakedown part is cleer enuf.

As a mater of fact, when things brake down to the point where they is an emergensee, they even got a plais for that which is called the emergensee room.

I been seeing peepul going in and out of the emergensee room all the time and it sure began to look like the most thing we had of hear was emergensee unless its carbon copies.

Well, Ma, maybe its just mental pathologee but the next day I taik some work into the boss and he looks it over and says. "Willy, run down to the emergensee room and get me a cupple of asprin tablets." He sounds kinda fante and tired so I can see it's a reel emergensee so I scoot for the room. Braise yourself, now, Ma, because this is the most fassynatin thing yet. The emergensee room is a kind of hospital only more like a doctor's offis, or a drug-store except it dont have a soda fountun. But anyway it is all brite and shiny, espechully the nurse. Well, Ma, I cleen forgot the boss'es asprin when

I seen the nurse and we talked about one emergensee after another until finely I did remember and somebody else come in anyway and I went back and the boss says, "I guess I shoulda gone myself."

Well, Ma, I guess you no me, all ways thinking of other's well fare. No, I said, boss, I don't mind going. After all, you don't want to get the asprin habit.

Yore loving son

Willy

P. S. Ma, will you send me our old doctor book. I want to brush up on some simptums I think I can develope.



"Hey, folks! There's money in this thing!"

# Sportlight

## FOWLER - PLOTT WIN GOLF TEAM PLAY

The FCA Men's Golf Team Play came to a close last Sunday when the Fowler-Plot team, winners of Division A, downed the heavyweight duo, Light and Howard, winners of Division B, 4 points to 2, thereby taking possession of the trophies presented by the Farm Credit Club.

### BOWLING

September 27. Accounts, with their lead-off man, Bob Mills, plastering the maples for 204-499, an all-time high for Bob, coupled with Dewitt Mehaffy's 441, walked off with 2 games from the Co-op. McClain and Sanders were the heavy scorers for the one-game winners, getting 354 and 394, respectively. The combined total of Morrison and Menk accounted for 1,102 pins of the teams total of 2,239. Menk was a heavy contributor with 246-569. Morrison ran a close second with 194-536. This superb bowling is the reason why Land Bank won 2 games by a wide margin and lost the last game by only 5 pins to the Legal team. Substitute bowler, Joe Spelman, was top man for the Legals, polishing the maples for 189-492. Mortgage Corporation, aided by the handicap, took the Administrative bombers for 2. John Plot was high for the Corporation, with 447, and not Jack Fowler. Traffic man Maguire with 160-432 topped the Administrators. Graphic copped the odd game from the "cellar-dwellers," Reports.

October 4. A glance at the team standings and records shows Land Bank is tops in every department. This is due

to the stellar performance being put on by Max Menk who has an average of 177 with no let-up in sight. Last Monday evening his 530 and Ray McWhirt's 522 were enough to carry Morrison and the Land Bank team for 2 wins over Administrative. Jones and Weinberg, with scores of 177-489 and 177-487, also Porter's 180-463, were the big contributors to Graphic's 2 wins over Accounts by a wide margin. Bob Mills bowled 108 pins less than his last week's score, or 100 pins less than anchor man Mehaffy's 491. Legal grabbed 2 from Mortgage Corporation while Reports was losing 2 to Co-ops.

### TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Land Bank	10	5	11,156
Legal	9	6	10,579
Graphic	8	7	10,417
Cooperative	8	7	9,336
Administrative	7	8	10,512
Accounts	7	8	10,446
Mortgage Corporation	6	9	10,087
Reports	5	10	10,855

### RECORDS

H T G	Land Bank	840
H T S	Land Bank	2,331
H I G	Menk	246
H I S	Menk	566

### AVERAGES

Menk	177-2	Hein	161-14
Fowler	165-2	Morrison	161-2

### FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

September 22. Three clean sweeps prevailed for the evening with Personnel taking all 3 from Finance & Accounts - Zinn's 154-405 was high for this set, and Peterson's 154-426 helped Audit come in for a 3-game win over General Files. Legal moved in to first place by taking 3 games from Purchase, with B. Meuers'

154-417 showing the way. Land Bank won 2 from Stenographic, while Securities lost 2 to Reports.

September 29. Legal retained their lead by taking 2 games from Land Bank and tying for the third game, which Land Bank took by 7 pins. Zinn's 170-430 set helped Personnel win 2 games from Stenographic. Nelson's 180-479 was high for the Steno's. With Y. Meuers getting a 171-451 set and raising her average 3 pins, Finance & Accounts took all 3 from Securities. Audit came in for a 3-game victory over the Reports group, while Purchase won 2 from General Files.

#### TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Legal	9	3	7,293
Personnel	9	3	7,246
Finance & Accounts	8	4	6,886
Audit	7	5	6,503
Stenographic	6	6	6,273
Securities	5	7	6,699
Land Bank	5	7	6,292
Reports	5	7	5,865
Purchase	4	8	6,889
General Files	2	10	6,258

#### RECORDS

H T G	Legal	716
H T S	Personnel	2,021
H I G	Ferguson	185
H I S	Nelson	479

#### AVERAGES

Nelson	142.2
Meuers, Y.	141.8
Roeh	133.1

Any one interested in bowling (leagues bowl Wednesday evenings at 8:30) - call extension 398, Lydia Ruch.

#### ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE

A broadwayite who had thrived for years on food at the Stork Club was inducted into the Army recently and sent to Fort Dix. When he sat down for his first meal cooked by Uncle Sam, he surveyed his plate of stew and beefed to the Mess Sergeant:

"Don't I get any choice?"

"Yep," was the prompt reply. "You take it--or you leave it!"

First farmer: "Which is correct -- 'A hen is sitting' or 'A hen is setting'?"

Second farmer: "I don't know, and I don't care. All I bother about is when she cackles -- Is she laying or is she lying?"

Papa Gnu came home and Mama Gnu looked at him shyly and said: "I've got Gnus for you."

Everyone should be sure to keep their worn out light bulbs and use them during a blackout.

"But, who would want to steal a Pullman ladder?" expostulated the conductor.

"I don't know, but she's gone," responded the porter.

At this juncture a passenger occupying an upper berth for the first time overheard the conversation, parted the curtain and generously remarked: "Porter, you may use mine, I won't need it 'till morning."

Daughter: "Yes, I've graduated, but now I must inform myself in psychology, philology, bibli--"

Practical Mother: "Stop! I have arranged for you a thorough course in roastology, bakeology, stitchology, darnology, patchology, and general domestic hustleology."